

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for facilitating the correct placement of one or more brackets on corresponding one or more teeth according to a predetermined treatment scheme, the method comprising:

obtaining a virtual representation of a three-dimensional teeth arrangement of one or both jaws of the individual with brackets placed on said teeth, the position and orientation of the brackets on said teeth in the virtual representation, being designed so as to achieve a desired treatment outcome;

processing said virtual representation to generate an output data, the output data driving a display to display a virtual image of at least one tooth with a bracket thereon, the displayed image having three-dimensional qualities indicative of said at least one tooth as viewed from a defined viewpoint, wherein said three dimensional representation is suitably coded so that said displayed image appears as a three dimensional virtual image when said displayed image is viewed via a suitable optical arrangement; and

while placing said one or more brackets directly on corresponding said one or more teeth of said individual, using said displayed virtual image as a visual comparison guide to assist in proper positioning of said one or more brackets directly on corresponding said one or more teeth of said individual,

wherein said three dimensional representation is color-coded, and said optical arrangement comprises suitably colored lenses.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the defined viewpoint is a preferred viewpoint, being a viewpoint corresponding to that from which the at least one tooth is viewed when applying a bracket thereon.
3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the output data drives the display to display a set of images of the at least one tooth from two or more preferred viewpoints.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the output data drives the display to display a set of images of different teeth.
5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein the different displayed teeth are displayed in an order in which the teeth are attended to during bracket placement procedure.
6. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said display is a computer monitor.
7. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said display is a printer.
8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the obtaining of a virtual representation comprises transmitting said representation from a remote location.
9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the obtaining of a virtual representation comprises receiving data representative of three-dimensional arrangement of teeth of at least one jaw and

processing said data to define position and orientation of brackets on the teeth to achieve a desired treatment outcome.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the data representative of a three-dimensional arrangement of teeth of at least one jaw is received from a remote location.

11. – 19. (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) A method for facilitating the correct placement of one or more real brackets on corresponding one or more teeth according to a predetermined treatment scheme, the method comprising:

selecting one or more virtual brackets corresponding to the one or more real brackets from a virtual bracket catalogue containing a plurality of virtual brackets

obtaining a virtual representation of a three-dimensional teeth arrangement of one or both jaws of the individual with virtual brackets placed on said teeth, the position and orientation of the virtual brackets on said teeth in the virtual representation, being designed so as to achieve a desired treatment outcome;

processing said virtual representation to generate an output data, the output data driving a display to display a virtual image of at least one tooth with a virtual bracket thereon, the displayed virtual image having three-dimensional qualities indicative of said at least one tooth as viewed from a defined viewpoint, wherein said three dimensional representation is suitably coded so that said displayed image appears as a three dimensional virtual image when said displayed image is viewed via a suitable optical arrangement;

while placing the one or more real brackets directly on corresponding one or more teeth of said individual, using said displayed virtual image as a visual comparison guide to assist in proper positioning of the one or more real brackets directly on corresponding said one or more teeth of said individual,

wherein said three dimensional representation is color-coded, and said optical arrangement comprises suitably colored lenses.

21. – 24. (cancelled)